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The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his note of 28 January has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following.

The Netherlands Government does not need to adopt specific legislative measures for the implementation of the United Nations arms embargo against Somalia, as exports of military goods and equipment are subject to export control under Netherlands law as it is and therefore require an export licence. One of the criteria to withhold an export licence is the country of destination being an "area of tension" for several years. Consequently, there have been no exports of weapons and military equipment during these last years to Somalia. It goes without saying, now that a Security Council arms embargo is in place, that this policy will be continued.

Furthermore, the Netherlands has contributed an amount of approximately 5.4 million Dutch guilders to the efforts of humanitarian assistance to the population in Somalia through Doctors without Borders, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1991.

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